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# LEGISLATIVE HISTORY, EIGHTY-FIRST CONGRESS

## STATEMENT CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

During the Eighty-first Congress 519 House bills and resolutions, 7 Senate bills, 236 survey reports on navigation and flood control projects from the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Engineers, and 11 executive communications from other Federal departments were referred to the committee.

Of the 247 survey reports submitted, 122 were unfavorable in nature, and they were not printed or considered by the committee.

In the preparation of the River and Harbor and Flood Control Acts of 1950, the committee acted upon 6 Senate documents of this Congress, and 36 House documents of preceding Congresses. Also, there were filed with the committee 245 applications for the adoption of resolutions for the review of executive survey reports heretofore submitted.

Of the total number of items presented, 1056, the committee acted favorably on 183 bills, resolutions, and survey reports, and 177 requests for the passage of committee resolutions, the large majority of the items being embodied into the omnibus river and harbor and flood-controls acts.

The committee reported 32 measures to the House, of which 30 were enacted into law (H. R. 5133, which passed the House, was covered into the River and Harbor Authorization Act by the Senate). House Joint Resolution 506, to modify the authority of the White County Bridge Commission, was stricken from the Consent Calendar; and H. R. 7873, authorizing the construction of buildings for the Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance passed the House but was not reported to the Senate.

The committee held extensive hearings on the following subjects: (No. 1) Public Buildings Act of 1949; (No. 2) Rivers and Harbors Act of 1950; (No. 5) Flood Control Act of 1950; (No. 6) Advance Planning of Public Works; (No. 8) Columbia Valley Administration; (No. 12) Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1950; (No. 13) Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Basin; (No. 15) Disaster Relief; (No. 16) Niagara Falls and River, N. Y. (power).

*Bills and resolutions enacted into law*

| Private or Public Law No. | Date enacted | Title |
|---|---|---|
| Public Law 10 | Feb. 25, 1949 | Increasing construction cost of a building for the General Accounting Office on square 518 in the District of Columbia. |
| Public Law 40 | Apr. 14, 1949 | Provide for a Commission on Renovation of the Executive Mansion. |
| Public Law 105 | June 16, 1949 | Public Buildings Act of 1949. |
| Public Law 135 | June 28, 1949 | Relating to loans by Federal agencies for the construction of certain public works. |
| Public Law 217 | Aug. 10, 1949 | Extend the time for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Ohio River at or near Shawneetown, Ill. |
| Public Law 220 | do | Relating to erection of a bridge commission and the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River at Clinton, Iowa. |
| Public Law 238 | Aug. 17, 1949 | Extension and improvement of post-office facilities at Los Angeles, Calif. |
| Public Law 242 | do | Relating to the development and maintenance of the Suitland Parkway (in Maryland) as a part of the national park system. |
| Public Law 287 | Sept. 7, 1949 | Authorizing the Secretary of the Army to purchase certain property in Morgan County, Ohio. |
| Public Law 289 | do | Extend the time for completing the construction of a certain bridge across the Mississippi River at St. Louis, Mo. |
| Private Law 294 | Oct. 5, 1949 | Provide for the conveyance of land to the Norfolk County Trust Co. in Stoughton, Mass. |
| Public Law 304 | Sept. 8, 1949 | Relating to the sale of the old Louisville Marine Hospital, Jefferson County, Ky. |
| Public Law 352 | Oct. 13, 1949 | Provide for the advance planning of non-Federal public works. |
| Public Law 364 | Oct. 20, 1949 | Provide a method of financing the acquisition and construction by the city of Duluth of certain bridges across the St. Louis River. |
| Public Law 375 | Oct. 25, 1949 | Extend the time for the collection of tolls on a bridge across the Missouri River at Brownville, Nebr. |
| Public Law 377 | do | Preserving and disposing of material removed from the Executive Mansion during the period of renovation. |
| Public Law 410 | Oct. 26, 1949 | Amending the Second Supplemental National Defense Appropriation Act, 1943. |
| Public Law 411 | do | Creating a Tennessee-Missouri Bridge Commission. |
| Public Law 413 | do | Provide for certain improvements relating to the Capitol power plant. |
| Public Law 516 | May 17, 1950 | River and Harbor Act of 1950 and Flood Control Act of 1950. |
| Public Law 643 | Aug. 3, 1950 | Baltimore-Washington Parkway. |
| Public Law 646 | do | Transfer of funds allocated for expenditure in cooperation with the New Jersey State Highway Department on State Highway Route No. 100 to State Parkway Route No. 4. |
| Public Law 647 | do | Authorizing acquisition by the Administrator of General Services of certain land and the improvements thereon in the District of Columbia. |
| Public Law 657 | Aug. 4, 1950 | Direct the Secretary of the Army to convey certain land to the State of Rhode Island. |
| Public Law 757 | Sept. 5, 1950 | Preliminary examination to determine the feasibility of constructing a multipurpose tunnel through Laguna Mountains in San Diego County, Calif. |
| Public Law 769 | Sept. 7, 1950 | Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1950. |
| Public Law 868 | Sept. 30, 1950 | Transfer of Fort Des Moines, Iowa, to the State of Iowa. |
| Public Law 875 | do | Assistance to States and local governments in major disasters. |
| Private Law 883 | Sept. 1, 1950 | Direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land in the District of Columbia to the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. |

## PUBLIC BUILDINGS ACT OF 1949

### Outline of Provisions of Public Law 105, Eightieth Congress

(Note.—Wherever the terms "Federal Works Agency" and "Federal Works Administrator" are used, they shall mean "General Services Administration" and "General Services Administrator".)

Public Law 105 (81st Cong.), the Public Buildings Act of 1949, authorizes the Federal Works Administrator to acquire sites and prepare plans for Federal public buildings. For buildings to be occupied for post-office purposes the Federal Works Administrator and the Postmaster General act jointly in the choice of sites in the towns or cities selected from the eligible list.

Provision is made for the submission to Congress of a report listing all eligible projects and their limits of cost when in excess of $200,000. When the estimate of cost of a project is less than $200,000, the limit



of cost is to be determined by the Commissioner of Public Buildings. Selection of projects is to be made by the Federal Works Administrator and the Postmaster General from such report. (This report is to be submitted promptly after the convening of each Congress.) They may also select such other projects not included in the report which, in their judgment, are economically sound and advantageous to the public interest. Projects are to be distributed equitably throughout the country with due regard for the comparative urgency of projects in various sections of the country.

Also, provision is made that each congressional district shall participate in the equitable distribution of selected projects for future construction to the extent of one or more approved projects for each district. This is in addition to previously authorized and selected public buildings projects under the Public Buildings Act of 1937 and 1938 which have been deferred. A list of these deferred projects is included in the printed hearings.

There is authorized to be appropriated $40,000,000 to implement the provisions of this section.

#### Acquisition of Sites in District of Columbia and Transfer of Lands Between Departments Outside of the District of Columbia

The provisions of this title have no general application and are not of general interest.

#### Modernization and Improvement of Federal Buildings Outside of the District of Columbia

Provision is made for major renovation and improvement of these buildings, including such work as modification and amplification of lighting, plumbing, heating, and air-conditioning equipment; major paint jobs; structural changes to meet modern fire-prevention standards and fire codes; modernization of elevators and other needed work. This section contains no authorization for the construction of new public buildings.

There is authorized to be appropriated $30,000,000 to implement the provisions of this section, to cover a period of about 3 years at a rate of $10,000,000 per year.

#### Administration

Miscellaneous provisions are contained in this section which will improve the efficiency of administration of the functions assigned to the Public Buildings Administration and are not of general interest.

## ADVANCE PLANNING OF FEDERAL PUBLIC WORKS

### Outline of Provisions of Public Law 352, Eighty-First Congress

#### Purposes of Bill

Section 1 specifies the purposes of the bill, which are as follows:

(*a*) To encourage States and other non-Federal public agencies to maintain a continuing and adequate reserve of fully planned public

works (exclusive of housing) readily available for use when economic conditions warrant;

(*b*) To enable the United States through reference to such reserve of planned public works as reflected by records and reports of the Administrator of General Services to adapt the planning and construction of Federal public works to the particular public-works objectives of States and other non-Federal public agencies; and

(*c*) Thereby to attain maximum economy and efficiency in the planning and construction of local, State, and Federal public works.

Under section 1 the Administrator of General Services is authorized to make advances from funds appropriated for that purpose to States, their agencies and political subdivisions, to aid in financing the cost of investigations and studies, surveys, designs, plans, working drawings, specifications, procedures, and other action preliminary to the construction of public works (exclusive of housing).

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

Section 2 provides that funds appropriated for the making of loans or advances shall be allocated by the Administrator of General Services among the several States in the following proportion: 75 percent in the proportion which the population of each State bears to the total population of all the States, and 25 percent in accordance with the needs of the States as determined by the Administrator, with the proviso that allotments to any State should aggregate not less than one-half of 1 percent of the total funds available for allotment.

Section 3 provides that no loans or advances shall be made with respect to any individual project unless it conforms to an over-all State, local, or regional plan approved by a competent State, local, or regional authority.

REPAYMENT OF FUNDS LOANED

Section 4 provides that any public agency receiving a loan or advance shall repay such loan or advance, without interest, when such project is undertaken or started, and all sums so repaid shall be covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

Section 5 authorizes the Administrator of General Services to prescribe rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of the act.

Section 6 authorizes to be appropriated such amounts, not to exceed a total of $100,000,000, as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of the act. Amounts so appropriated shall remain available until expended.

## RIVER AND HARBOR ACT OF 1950
## FLOOD CONTROL ACT OF 1950

RIVERS AND HARBORS IMPROVEMENTS AND FLOOD-CONTROL PROJECTS AUTHORIZED, AND OUTLINE OF OTHER PROVISIONS OF PUBLIC LAW 516, EIGHTY-FIRST CONGRESS, APPROVED MAY 17, 1950

TITLE I—RIVERS AND HARBORS

Projects, survey items, and other provisions of law incorporated in this title

Section 101 adopts new projects, as follows:



| Projects | Document No.[1] | Federal cost of new work | Annual maintenance |
|---|---|---|---|
| Scarboro River, Maine, between Prouts Neck and Pine Point | H. 69, 81st Cong | $133,570 | $3,600 |
| Wood Island Harbor, Maine, and the Pool at Biddeford | H. 49, 81st Cong | 68,700 | 3,240 |
| Winthrop Beach, Mass., beach-erosion control | H. 764, 80th Cong | 216,000 | (2) |
| Mystic River, Mass | H. 645, 80th Cong | 2,908,000 | 4,000 |
| Mattapoisett Harbor, Mass | H. 664, 80th Cong | 33,000 | 1,500 |
| Stonington Harbor, Conn | H. 667, 80th Cong | 34,500 | 1,500 |
| Eightmile River, Conn | H. 666, 80th Cong | 18,000 | 1,000 |
| Ash Creek to Saugatuck River, Conn., beach erosion | H. 454, 81st Cong | 203,500 | |
| Fire Island Inlet, N. Y | H. 762, 80th Cong | 228,000 | 85,000 |
| East Chester Creek (Hutchinson River), N. Y | H. 749, 80th Cong | 664,000 | 4,800 |
| Jamaica Bay, N. Y | H. 665, 80th Cong | 377,000 | 7,500 |
| Arthur Kill, N. Y. and N. J | H. 233, 81st Cong | 11,561,000 | (2) |
| Sandy Hook Bay at Leonardo, N. J | H. 108, 81st Cong | 45,000 | 7,500 |
| Shrewsbury River, N. J | H. 285, 81st Cong | 363,000 | 23,000 |
| Waterway from Indian River Inlet to Rehoboth Bay, Del | H. 304, 81st Cong | 85,000 | 14,000 |
| Lake Ogleton and Walnut Lake, Anne Arundel County, Md | H. 712, 80th Cong | 76,000 | 1,000 |
| Hellens Creek, Calvert County, Md | H. 663, 80th Cong | 10,400 | 1,000 |
| Governors Run, Calvert County, Md | H. 670, 80th Cong | 59,450 | 2,000 |
| Twitch Cove, Big Thoroughfare River, and Levering Creek, Md | H. 340, 81st Cong | 21,000 | |
| St. Patricks Creek, Md | H. 671, 80th Cong | 18,200 | 4,800 |
| Potomac River and tributaries at and below Washington, D. C., elimination of water chestnut | H. 113, 81st Cong | | 9,470 |
| Colonial Beach, Va., beach erosion | H. 333, 81st Cong | 35,000 | |
| Quinby Creek, Va | H. 241, 81st Cong | 116,000 | 6,000 |
| Kings Creek, Northampton County, Va | H. 196, 81st Cong | 93,000 | 9,500 |
| Rappahannock River at Bowlers Wharf, Essex County, Va | H. 109, 81st Cong | 118,000 | 2,800 |
| Davis Creek, Va | H. 309, 81st Cong | 85,000 | 8,000 |
| Winter Harbor, Va | H. 319, 81st Cong | 205,000 | |
| James River, Va | H. 191, 81st Cong | | 46,000 |
| Inland waterway in vicinity of Fairfield, N. C | H. 725, 80th Cong | 112,400 | (2) |
| Far Creek, N. C | H. 770, 80th Cong | 80,600 | 6,000 |
| Channel from Manteo to Oregon Inlet, N. C | H. 310, 81st Cong | 860,500 | 97,000 |
| Waterway from Pamlico Sound to Beaufort Harbor, N. C., harbor improvement at Marshallberg | H. 68, 81st Cong | 19,400 | 750 |
| Taylors Creek, N. C | H. 111, 81st Cong | 82,200 | 4,500 |
| Masonboro Inlet to ocean, Cape Fear River, N. C | H. 341, 81st Cong | 1,980,000 | 34,100 |
| Cape Fear River at and below Wilmington, N. C | H. 87, 81st Cong | 1,331,000 | (3) |
| Savannah River, Ga. and S. C | S. 6, 81st Cong | 3,137,000 | 236,900 |
| Brunswick Harbor, Ga | H. 110, 81st Cong | 1,532,000 | 40,000 |
| St. Marys River, Ga. and Fla., and North River, Ga | H. 680, 80th Cong | 918,600 | 18,000 |
| Fernandina Harbor, Fla | H. 662, 80th Cong | 242,000 | 5,000 |
| St. Augustine Harbor and vicinity, Florida | H. 153, 81st Cong | 1,892,200 | 11,600 |
| Palm Beach, Fla., beach erosion | H. 772, 80th Cong | 7,500 | |
| Lake Worth Inlet, Fla | H. 701, 80th Cong | 305,000 | 1,000 |
| Charlotte Harbor, Fla | H. 186, 81st Cong | 214,000 | (3) |
| St. Petersburg Harbor, Fla | H. 70, 81st Cong | 208,300 | 4,000 |
| Tampa Harbor, Fla | H. 258, 81st Cong | 7,787,000 | 36,500 |
| Hudson River, Fla | H. 287, 81st Cong | 258,700 | 3,300 |
| Channel and turning basin, Ozona, Fla | H. 326, 81st Cong | 70,100 | 1,200 |
| Horseshoe Cove, Fla | H. 106, 81st Cong | 194,000 | 5,000 |
| La Grange Bayou, Fla | H. 150, 81st Cong | 99,000 | 2,500 |
| Gulf Intracoastal Waterway from Big Lagoon to Pensacola, Fla | H. 325, 81st Cong | 88,000 | 4,000 |
| Fly Creek, Fairhope, Ala | H. 194, 81st Cong | 14,000 | 2,000 |
| Pascagoula Harbor, Dog River cut-off, Mississippi | H. 188, 81st Cong | 41,000 | (3) |
| Biloxi Harbor, Miss | H. 256, 81st Cong | | 2,500 |
| Ouachita River, Ark. and La | S. 117, 81st Cong | 21,300,000 | 531,000 |
| Arkansas River and tributaries, Arkansas and Oklahoma | H. 758, 79th Cong | 80,000,000 | (4) |
| Sabine-Neches waterway, Texas, vicinity of Port Arthur Bridge | H. 174, 81st Cong | 609,270 | 1,000 |
| Galveston Harbor and Channel, Tex. (sea wall) | H. 173, 81st Cong | 5,550,000 | (2) |
| Gulf Intracoastal Waterway in South Galveston Bay, Tex | H. 196, 81st Cong | 300,000 | 20,000 |
| Chocolate and Bastrop Bayous, Tex. (modification) | H. 768, 80th Cong | | 26,000 |
| Freeport Harbor, Tex | H. 195, 81st Cong | 356,000 | 3,000 |
| Little Bay, Tex | H. 114, 81st Cong | 29,800 | (4) |
| Trinity River, at Dallas and Fort Worth, Tex | H. 242, 81st Cong | 3,410,000 | 60,600 |
| Brazos Island Harbor, Tex | H. 192, 81st Cong | 3,050,000 | 400 |
| Mississippi River at Hamburg, Ill | H. 254, 81st Cong | 50,400 | 1,420 |
| Mississippi River at Hannibal, Mo | H. 67, 81st Cong | 50,420 | 100 |
| Mississippi River at Davenport, Iowa | H. 642, 80th Cong | 91,200 | 300 |
| Mississippi River at Rock Island, Ill | H. 257, 81st Cong | 18,600 | 900 |
| Mississippi River at Muscatine, Iowa | H. 733, 80th Cong | 129,495 | |
| Mississippi River at Clinton, Iowa | S. 197, 80th Cong | 257,770 | 1,100 |
| Mississippi River at Prairie du Chien, Wis | H. 71, 81st Cong | 131,100 | 100 |
| Mississippi River at Alma, Wis | H. 66, 81st Cong | 29,500 | |
| Mississippi River at Winona, Minn. (modification) | H. 263, 77th Cong | | 100 |
| Hudson Harbor, St. Croix River, Wis | H. 184, 81st Cong | 58,100 | **1,500** |
| Grand Marais Harbor, Minn | H. 187, 81st Cong | 114,000 | **72,400** |
| Monongahela River, Pa. and W. Va | S 100, 81st Cong | 29,238,000 | |

See footnotes at end of table, p. 6.

| Projects | Document No.[1] | Federal cost of new work | Annual maintenance |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bayfield Harbor, Wis | H. 260, 81st Cong. | $119,000 | $1,000 |
| Kenosha Harbor, Wis | H. 750, 80th Cong. | 4,500 | (2) |
| Manistique Harbor, Mich | H. 721, 80th Cong. | 308,000 | (2) |
| Grand Marais Harbor, Mich | H. 751, 80th Cong. | 398,000 | (2) |
| Cheboygan River and Harbor, Mich | H. 269, 81st Cong. | 165,000 | 500 |
| Detroit River, Mich., Trenton Channel | S. 30, 81st Cong. | 1,356,800 | 1,000 |
| Toledo Harbor, Ohio | H. 189, 81st Cong. | 329,900 | 4,000 |
| Port Bay, N. Y. | H. 293, 81st Cong. | 466,600 | 10,400 |
| Redondo Beach, Calif | H. 303, 81st Cong. | 3,456,000 | 20,000 |
| San Francisco Harbor and Bay, Calif | H. 286, 81st Cong. | 850,000 | 203,000 |
| Redwood City Harbor, Redwood Creek, Calif | H. 104, 81st Cong. | 322,000 | 14,000 |
| San Joaquin River and Stockton Channel, Calif | H. 752, 80th Cong. | 4,214,000 | (2) |
| Westport Slough, Oregon | H. 134, 81st Cong. | 112,000 | 8,500 |
| Columbia Slough, Oregon | H. 270, 81st Cong. | 905,100 | 16,700 |
| Baker Bay, Columbia River, Wash | S. 95, 81st Cong. | 442,000 | 8,000 |
| Columbia River at Umatilla, Oreg | H. 531, 81st Cong. | 416,250 | 1,000 |
| Kawaihae Harbor, T. H | H. 311, 81st Cong. | 5,525,500 | 10,000 |
| Christiansted Harbor, St. Croix, V. I | H. 771, 80th Cong. | 261,000 | 5,000 |
| Hampton Roads, Norfolk Harbor, Va. (sec. 102) | | | 50,000 |
| Total | | 203,673,125 | 1,836,080 |

[1] "H" indicates House document; "S" indicates Senate document.
[2] None required.
[3] No additional maintenance cost.
[4] Additional authorization.

Section 102 adopts a project for the collection and removal of drift in Hampton Roads and the harbors of Norfolk and Newport News, Va., and their tributary waters.

Section 103 authorizes the Chief of Engineers to provide such school facilities as he may deem necessary for the education of dependents of persons engaged in the construction of the Chief Joseph Dam on the Columbia River, Wash.

Section 104 grants authority to the State of Oregon to construct, maintain, and operate dams suitable to the interests of navigation in Kentuck slough (Inlet), and in Otter slough, Oregon, under certain conditions.

Section 105 authorizes the Chief of Engineers to procure the temporary or intermittent services of experts or consultants in connection with civil functions of the Corps of Engineers without regard to the Classification Act as amended; provided that individuals so engaged shall not be paid in excess of $100 per day for their services.

Section 106 modifies the project for the Intracoastal Waterway from the Caloosahatchee River to the Anclote River, Fla., by authorizing the Chief of Engineers to select and do the proposed work on such route as he may deem feasible.

Section 107 changes the title of the project for a tributary channel in Red Fish Bay and a turning Basin at Red Fish Landing, Tex., to Port Mansfield, Tex.

Section 108 directs the Secretary of the Army to prepare and transmit to Congress a compilation of preliminary examination, survey, and review reports on river and harbor and flood-control improvements.

Section 109 authorizes the conveyance to State authorities all bridges heretofore or hereafter constructed or acquired in connection with work on waterways, together with the rights-of-way, upon such terms determined to be in the best interest of the United States, provided such transferred bridges shall be toll-free.



Section 110: The following preliminary examinations and surveys are authorized under title I:

Round Pond Harbor, Maine.
Bass Harbor, Maine.
Sesuit Harbor, Mass.
Gowanus Canal, Brooklyn, N. Y.
New Creek, Staten Island, N. Y.
Main channel, leading from Turkey Point to Havre de Grace, Harford County, Md.
Havre de Grace, Md.
Severn River, with particular reference to Ringgold Cove, Anne Arundel County, Md.
Back River, Md.
Apes Hole Creek, Somerset County, Md.
Jules Creek, Va.
Cubitt Creek Va.
Popes Creek, Va.
McKanes Bay, Va.
Pecks Creek, Va.
Guilford Creek, Va.
Chincoteague Bay, with a view to establishing a harbor of refuge at Chincoteague, Accomac County, Va.
Topsail Inlet, N. C.
Middle Creek, N. C.
Philips Inlet, Fla.
Waterway to connect Basin Bayou and Choctawhatchee Bay, Fla.
Choctawhatchee Bay, Fla., small-boat channel at Bay Bridge.
Boat basin and channel connecting Bayliss Memorial Wayside Park with the authorized channel in Pensacola Bay, Fla.
Pensacola Bay, Fla., channel at Bayou Texar.
To determine the feasibility of extending the channel at Carrabelle, Fla.
Channel across Santa Rosa Island, Fla.
Old Tampa Bay to vicinity of Booth Point, Fla.
To determine the feasibility of providing a permanent channel from the Gulf of Mexico into Fort Myers Beach, Estero Island, Fla.
Channel in Heron Bay, Ala.
Extension of the New Iberia Commercial Canal, La.
Channels in Lake Minnetonka, Minn.
Allegheny River and tributaries and Genesee River and tributaries, New York and Pennsylvania, with a view to providing a through waterway for barge navigation.
San Francisco Bay, including San Pablo Bay, Suisun Bay, and other adjacent bays, and tributaries thereto, California.
Seabeck Harbor, Hood Canal, Wash.
Eagle Harbor, Wash.
Hoonah Harbor, Alaska.
Port Townsend, Wash.
Kewalo Basin, Honolulu, T. H., including Ala Wai Yacht Basin.
Harbor at Keauhou Bay, Hawaii.

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Coasts of the Hawaiian Islands with a view to the establishment of harbors for light-draft vessels for refuge and other purposes.

Section 111 provides that section 607 of the Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945, as amended, shall not be construed to prevent the employment of such additional personnel under the supervision of the Chief of Engineers as may be necessary to prosecute navigation and flood-control works herein or heretofore authorized.

Section 112 provides that this title may be cited as the "River and Harbor Act of 1950."

## TITLE II—FLOOD CONTROL

### Projects, survey items, and other provision of law incorporated in this title

Section 201: This is the same as that which appeared in the last Flood Control Act (June 30, 1948) and in previous legislation. It covers matters of local cooperation.

Section 202: This is the same as the section which appeared in the last Flood Control Act (June 30, 1948) and in preceding legislation. It covers general matters pertaining to requirements governing the submission of reports to Congress.

Section 203: This section clarifies previous legislation by permitting the expenditure of funds for telephone services at locks and dams for navigation, flood control, and related water uses at the request of the Chief of Engineers and upon approval by the Secretary of the Army.

Section 204 adopts new projects, as follows:



| Projects | Document No.[1] | New flood-control projects | Increases in authorizations for previously approved projects |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hartford, Conn | | [2] $239,000 | |
| Lackawaxen River Basin, Pa | H. 113, 80th Cong | | $6,000,000 |
| Monkey Run at Corning, N. Y | H. 305, 81st Cong | [2] 2,370,000 | |
| Anacostia River, D. C. and Md | H. 202, 81st Cong | 4,531,200 | |
| Pasquotank River, N. C | H. 306, 81st Cong | 110,000 | |
| Savannah River Basin | H. 657, 78th Cong | | 50,000,000 |
| Central and southern Florida | H. 643, 80th Cong | | 20,000,000 |
| Red River backwater area | | | 15,000,000 |
| St. Francis River Basin, Mo. and Ark | H. 132, 81st Cong | 20,000,000 | |
| Cache River Basin, Ark. and Mo | S. 88, 81st Cong | 10,000,000 | |
| Grants Canal, Lake Providence, La | | 11,000 | |
| Des Arc, Ark | H. 465, 81st Cong | 228,000 | |
| Emergency fund (lower Mississippi River Basin) | | | 5,000,000 |
| Lake Ponchartrain, La | S. 139, 81st Cong | 4,050,000 | |
| Amite River bank protection, Louisiana | | 50,000 | |
| Lower Mississippi River Basin authorization | | | 200,000,000 |
| Calion, Ark | H. 427, 76th Cong | | 430,000 |
| Genesee River, N. Y | H. 232, 81st Cong | 609,000 | |
| Arkansas River Basin | | | 15,000,000 |
| Keystone Reservoir, Arkansas River, Okla | S. 107, 81st Cong | 37,273,000 | |
| Oklahoma City floodway, Oklahoma | | | [3] 10,460,000 |
| Arkansas River, Pueblo, Colo | H. 327, 81st Cong | 209,000 | |
| Grand (Neosho) River, Okla., Kans., Mo., Ark | H. 442, 80th Cong | 36,220,000 | |
| Grand Prairie region and Bayou Meto Basin, Ark | H. 255, 81st Cong | 6,000,000 | |
| White River Basin | | | 35,000,000 |
| Upper Mississippi River Basin | | | 15,000,000 |
| Illinois River at Beardstown, Ill | H. 332, 81st Cong | 2,976,000 | |
| Canton, Mo | H. 107, 81st Cong | 1,086,000 | |
| Cape Girardeau, Mo | H. 204, 81st Cong | 4,756,000 | |
| Missouri River Basin | | | 250,000,000 |
| Yellowstone River, Wyo., Mont., and N. Dak | H. 216, 81st Cong | 6,524,000 | |
| South Platte River Basin, Colo | H. 669, 80th Cong | 26,300,000 | |
| Elkhorn River Basin, Nebr | H. 215, 81st Cong | 2,428,000 | |
| Mandan, N. Dak | H. 294, 79th Cong | | 76,000 |
| Ohio River Basin | | | 100,000,000 |
| Orleans, Ind | H. 103, 81st Cong | 202,000 | |
| Bradford, Pa | S. 20, 81st Cong | 6,467,000 | |
| Cumberland River at Barbourville, Ky | H. 345, 81st Cong | 1,765,000 | |
| Cumberland River at Cumberland, Ky | do | 67,000 | |
| New Harmony Bridge, Wabash River, Ind. and Ill | H. 197, 80th Cong | | 500,000 |
| Red River of the North Basin | | | 8,000,000 |
| Rio Grande Basin | | | [3] 39,000,000 |
| Meadow Valley Wash Basin, Muddy River, Nev | H. 530, 81st Cong | 1,986,000 | |
| Painted Rock Reservoir, Gila River, Ariz | H. 331, 81st Cong | 25,800,000 | |
| Humboldt River, Nev | H. 586, 81st Cong | 7,679,000 | |
| Santa Ana River, Calif | H. 135, 81st Cong | 15,092,000 | |
| Los Angeles and San Gabriel Basin | | | 40,000,000 |
| Sacramento River Basin | H. 357, 81st Cong | | 3,500,000 |
| Russian River, Calif | H. 585, 81st Cong | 11,552,000 | |
| Willamette River Basin | | | 40,000,000 |
| Johnson Creek, Oreg | H. 531, 81st Cong | 332,000 | |
| Portland, Oreg | do | 14,000,000 | |
| Albeni Falls, Idaho | S. 9, 81st Cong | 31,070,000 | |
| Lower Columbia River bank protection | H. 531, 81st Cong | 4,900,000 | |
| Modification of existing projects in lower Columbia River | do | 14,722,000 | |
| Levees along lower Columbia River | do | 2,973,000 | |
| Columbia River Basin, including Willamette River Basin | do | | 75,000,000 |
| Eagle Gorge Reservoir, Green River, Wash | H. 271, 81st Cong | 16,300,000 | |
| Kawainui swamp, Hawaii | H. 214, 81st Cong | 848,000 | |
| Total | | 321,725,200 | [3] 927,966,000 |

[1] "H" indicates House document; "S" indicates Senate document.
[2] Modification of previously authorized project.
[3] $30,179,000 of this amount does not include work to be prosecuted by the Bureau of Reclamation.

Section 205: The following preliminary examinations and surveys are authorized under title II:

Merrimack and Connecticut Rivers and their tributaries, and such other streams in the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, where power development appears feasible and practicable, to determine the hydroelectric potentialities, in combination with other water and resource development.

Israel River, at and in the vicinity of Lancaster, N. H., in the interest of flood control and related purposes.

Mystic River and its tributaries, Massachusetts (between the Wellington Bridge and the Cradock Bridge).

Nanticoke River and tributaries, Maryland and Delaware, in the interest of flood control and major drainage improvements.

Gilbert Run, Md.

Tobacco Run, Md.

Mattaponi River, Va.

Perquimans River, N. C.

Filberts Creek at Edenton, N. C.

Streams on Johns Island and vicinity, South Carolina, in the interest of flood control and major drainage improvements.

Combahee River, Broad River, Black River, and their tributaries, all in the State of South Carolina.

All streams in the State of Georgia flowing into the Atlantic Ocean between the Ogeechee River and Altamaha River.

Satilla River, Ga.; St. Marys River, Ga. and Fla.; Suwannee River, Ga. and Fla.; for flood control, navigation, and other beneficial uses.

Streams in St. Johns, Flagler, and Putnam Counties, Fla., for flood control and major drainage improvements.

Manatee River, Fla.

Coastal streams flowing into the Gulf of Mexico between the Suwannee and Apalachicola Rivers, with a view to their improvement in the interest of flood control and related purposes.

Blackwater River, Fla.

Yellow River, Fla. and Ala.

Blackwater and Perdido Rivers, Ala.

Nine Mile Drain and Carlow Ditch, Macomb County, Mich.

Hatchie and Tuscumbia Rivers, Miss. and Tenn., in the interest of flood control and major drainage improvements.

Survey and study of alternate sites for the Millwood Reservoir, Ark., in the Red River Basin.

Arkansas, White, and Red River Basins, Ark., La., Okla., Tex., N. Mex., Colo., Kans., and Mo., with a view to developing comprehensive, integrated plans of improvement for navigation, flood control, domestic and municipal water supplies, reclamation and irrigation, development, and utilization of hydroelectric power, conservation of soil, forest, and fish and wildlife resources, and other beneficial development and utilization of water resources including such consideration of recreation uses, salinity and sediment control, and pollution abatement as may be provided for under Federal policies and procedures, all to be coordinated with the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, the Federal Power Commission, other appropriate Federal agencies and with the States, as required by existing law: *Provided*, That Federal projects now constructed and in operation, under construction, authorized for construction, or projects that may be hereafter authorized substantially in accordance with reports currently before or that may hereafter come before the Congress, if in compliance with the first section of an act entitled "An act authorizing the construction of certain public works on rivers and harbors for flood control, and other purposes," approved December 22, 1944 (58 Stat. 887), shall not be altered, changed, restricted, delayed, retarded, or otherwise impeded or interfered with by reason of this paragraph.



Dry Cimarron River, Union County, N. Mex., and Cimarron River, Okla., Colo., and Kans.

Conneaut Creek at and in the vicinity of Conneautville, Pa.

Missouri River from the vicinity of the Iowa-Nebraska line near Watson, Mo., to the vicinity of Leavenworth, Kans.

Mud River, Thief River, Moose River, and Lost River, tributaries of the Red River of the North, all in the State of Minnesota.

Snake River, Tamarac River, Two River, Big Joe River, and Little Joe River, tributaries of the Red River of the North, in the State o Minnesota.

Streams and their larger tributaries, flowing through the Austin-Washington soil conservation district, the Bastrop-Fayette soil conservation district, the Calhoun-Victoria soil conservation district, the Middle Guadalupe Basin soil conservation district, the Navasota soil conservation district, and the Copano Bay soil conservation district, all in the State of Texas.

Salt River, Ky.

Lower Rio Grande Valley, including streams in Starr, Hidalgo, Cameron and Willacy Counties, Tex., in the interest of flood control and major drainage improvements.

Buffalo Creek, Marion County, W. Va.

Waterway from Rangeline Lake to Oconto River, Wis., in the interest of flood control and major drainage improvements.

Milwaukee River and tributaries, Wisconsin.

Sacramento and San Joaquin River Delta areas, California: *Provided*, That this examination and survey shall not duplicate the investigations authorized in House Resolution 618, Eightieth Congress, second session.

Sacramento River, Calif., in the interest of bank protection and channel improvements below Red Bluff.

Walnut Creek drainage area, Contra Costa County, Calif.

Reclamation District No. 768, Humboldt County, Calif.

Martin Creek, at and in the vicinity of Paradise Valley, Humboldt County, Nev.

Gleason Creek, Robinson Watershed, at and in the vicinity of Ely, White Pine County, Nev.

Samish River, Wash.

Streams flowing through Antelope Valley in Los Angeles and Kern Counties, Calif., with a view to their improvement in the interest of flood control, conservation of water resources, and related purposes.

Iao Stream, Island of Maui, and Kaunakaki Gulch, Island of Molokai, T. H.

Palolo and Manoa Valleys, Island of Oahu, T. H.

Section 206 changes the name of the West Peterborough Dam in the Merrimack River Basin to the Edward MacDowell Dam.

Section 207 provides that funds hereafter appropriated for a specific and authorized project for a river, harbor, or flood-control works shall be merged with and be accounted for under the regular annual appropriation title applicable to such item.

Section 208 amends section 204 of the Flood Control Act of 1948 by adding language providing that Federal investigations and improvements of rivers and other waterways in Alaska, for navigation, flood control, hydroelectric power, and allied purposes shall be continued under the jurisdiction of and shall be prosecuted by the Department of the Army.

Section 209 directs the Chief of Engineers to report to Congress the amount of the total cost of the Alamagorda Dam and Reservoir on the Pecos River in New Mexico, which is properly allocable to flood control.

Section 210 reaffirms the authority set forth in section 6 of the Flood Control Act of 1948 regarding the repair and restoration of existing flood-control structures threatened or destroyed by floods and increases the emergency fund provided for this purpose from $2,000,000 to $15,000,000.

Section 211 provides authority for the Secretary of the Army to allot funds for the payment of expenses of representatives of the Corps of Engineers to attend international engineering or scientific conferences to be held outside the continental limits of the United States.

Section 212 increases from $2,000,000 to $3,000,000 the amount that can be allotted annually for the construction of small flood-control projects not specifically authorized by Congress, and not within areas intended to be protected by projects so authorized, which come within the provisions of section 1 of the Flood Control Act of June 22, 1936, provided that not more than $150,000 shall be allotted for this purpose at any single locality from the appropriations for any one fiscal year.

Section 213 authorizes $1,250,000,000 to be appropriated for carrying out improvements adopted in this act, and the sum of $10,000,000 additional, to be appropriated and expended in equal amounts by the Departments of the Army and Agriculture for carrying out examinations and surveys provided for in this and previous acts of Congress; also authorizes $1,500,000 to be appropriated and expended by the Federal Power Commission for carrying out any examinations and surveys provided for in this act or any other acts of Congress, by that Commission.

Section 214 provides that section 607 of the Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945, as amended, shall not be construed to prevent the employment of such additional personnel under the supervision of the Chief of Engineers as may be necessary to prosecute navigation and flood-control works herein or heretofore authorized.

Section 215 provides that, in addition to previous authorizations, $200,000,000 shall be appropriated for the prosecution of the comprehensive plan heretofore adopted, for continuing the works in the Missouri River Basin to be undertaken by the Secretary of the Interior.

Section 216 amends section 7 of the Flood Control Act of June 28, 1938 as amended by section 15 of the act approved December 22, 1944 by authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture, in his discretion, to undertake such emergency measures for runoff retardation and soil-erosion prevention as may be needed to safeguard lives and property from floods and the products of erosion on any watershed whenever fire or any other natural element or force has caused a sudden impairment of that watershed, and provides that not exceeding $300,000 out of any funds heretofore or hereafter appropriated for such work may be expended during any one fiscal year for such emergency measures.



Section 217 authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture, with reference to the project for the improvement of the watershed of the Santa Ynez River, Calif., adopted in the 1944 Flood Control Act, to prosecute said project in accordance with plan I of House Document No. 518, Seventy-eighth Congress, at an estimated additional cost of $1,158,500.

Section 218 makes an additional authorization of $19,000,000 to be appropriated for expenditure by the Department of Agriculture for the prosecution of the works of improvement authorized in the Flood Control Act of 1944, as amended.

Section 219 provides that this title may be cited as the "Flood Control Act of 1950."

## FEDERAL AID HIGHWAY ACT OF 1950

### Outline of Provisions of Public Law 769, Eighty-first Congress

Public Law 769 (81st Cong.), the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1950 authorizes Federal aid in the sum of $500,000,000 annually for the fiscal years 1952 and 1953, divided as follows: $225,000,000 for projects under the Federal-aid system; $150,000,000 for secondary and feeder roads, farm-to-market roads, rural mail routes, public school bus routes, local rural roads, county roads, township roads, and roads of the county-road class, with types of construction that can be maintained at reasonable cost to provide all-weather service; $125,000,000 for projects under the Federal-aid highway system in urban areas.

#### SPECIAL HIGHWAYS

Section 3 authorizes $20,000,000 annually for the fiscal years 1952 and 1953 for forest highways.

Section 3 also authorizes $17,500,000 annually for forest development roads and trails for the fiscal years 1952 and 1953.

Section 4 (a) authorizes $10,000,000 annually for the fiscal years 1952 and 1953 for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, and maintenance of roads and trails, inclusive of necessary bridges, in national parks, monuments, and other areas administered by the National Park Service, including areas authorized to be established as national parks and monuments, and national park and monument approach roads.

Section 4 (b) authorizes $13,000,000 annually for the fiscal years 1952 and 1953 for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, and maintenance of parkways, authorized by acts of Congress on lands to which title is vested in the United States. The sum of $3,000,000 is authorized to be available for contract immediately.

Section 4 (c) authorizes $6,000,000 annually for the fiscal years 1952 and 1953 for the construction, improvement, and maintenance of Indian reservation roads and bridges and roads and bridges to provide access to Indian reservations and Indian lands.

Section 10 authorizes $5,000,000 annually for the fiscal years 1951 and 1952 for the survey, construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of main roads through unappropriated or unreserved public lands nontaxable Indian lands, or other Federal reservations. The sum of $2,500,000 is authorized to be available for contract immediately.

Section 11 authorizes $4,000,000 annually for the fiscal years 1951 and 1952 for cooperation with the Governments of Central America for the continued survey and construction of the Inter-American Highway.

Section 12 authorizes $10,000,000 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 6 of the Defense Highway Act of 1941 as amended. The sum of $2,000,000 is authorized to be available for contract immediately.

### BOND PROVISION

Section 5 of the act authorizes that any State, county, city, or other political subdivision that shall issue bonds and use the proceeds of such bonds for the construction of toll-free facilities in order to accelerate the improvement of the national system of interstate highways, Federal-aid primary highway system, or the Federal-aid highway system in urban areas may apply any portion of the funds authorized by Public Law 769 for expenditure on said systems of highways, and apportioned to such State, to aid in retirement of annual maturities of the principal indebtedness of such bonds to the extent that the proceeds of such bonds are actually expended in the construction of said systems of highways.

### PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO MAINTAIN

Section 6 of the act modifies existing law with respect to maintenance obligations of the States so that the Commissioner of Public Roads in the event of failure to maintain, shall withhold approval of further secondary or urban road projects in the county or city wherein the failure to maintain occurs until the highway involved has been placed in proper condition and maintenance. This applies only to States wherein the highway department is without legal authority to maintain a highway constructed as a secondary or an urban road project.

### RIGHTS-OF-WAY

Section 7 of the act increases the Federal share payable on account of the costs of rights-of-way from one-third to not exceed one-half of such costs.



### EMERGENCY FUND

An emergency fund of $5,000,000 is established under the provisions of section 9. This emergency fund is to be used for the repair or reconstruction of highways and bridges on the primary or secondary Federal-aid highway systems that have suffered serious damage as the result of disaster over a wide area, such as by floods, hurricanes, tidal waves, earthquakes, severe storms, landslides, or other catastrophes. No expenditures are to be made in any State unless an emergency has been declared by the governor of the State and concurred in by the Secretary of Commerce, and the extent of Federal participation shall not exceed 50 percent, and be limited to highways and bridges on the primary and secondary highway systems.

### HEARINGS ON BYPASS ROUTES

Under the provisions of section 13, any State highway department which submits plans for a Federal-aid highway project involving the bypassing of any city or town must certify to the Commissioner of Public Roads that it has had public hearings and considered the economic effects of such a location.

(See table of approximate apportionment of Federal funds under Public Law 769, p. 16.)

*Apportionment of $400,000,000 of the $500,000,000 of Federal-aid highway funds authorized for the fiscal year 1952* [1]

| State | Federal-aid highway system ($180,000,000) | Secondary or feeder roads ($120,000,000) | Urban highways ($100,000,000) | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alabama | $3,738,880 | $2,903,455 | $1,286,166 | $7,928,501 |
| Arizona | 2,626,168 | 1,786,614 | 320,211 | 4,732,993 |
| Arkansas | 2,940,110 | 2,350,527 | 595,361 | 5,885,998 |
| California | 8,131,849 | 4,187,880 | 8,097,502 | 20,417,231 |
| Colorado | 3,184,555 | 2,124,821 | 824,650 | 6,134,026 |
| Connecticut | 1,124,250 | 577,500 | 2,230,536 | 3,932,286 |
| Delaware | 866,250 | 577,500 | 162,586 | 1,606,336 |
| Florida | 2,815,821 | 1,883,933 | 1,660,893 | 6,310,647 |
| Georgia | 4,394,406 | 3,353,532 | 1,374,695 | 9,122,633 |
| Idaho | 2,189,752 | 1,549,929 | 198,742 | 3,938,423 |
| Illinois | 6,805,765 | 3,695,957 | 7,210,879 | 17,712,601 |
| Indiana | 4,202,898 | 2,883,456 | 2,404,427 | 9,500,781 |
| Iowa | 4,284,794 | 3,129,153 | 1,256,035 | 8,669,982 |
| Kansas | 4,320,317 | 3,017,426 | 908,507 | 8,246,250 |
| Kentucky | 3,245,485 | 2,686,021 | 1,023,047 | 6,954,553 |
| Louisiana | 2,724,150 | 1,947,042 | 817,195 | 5,538,387 |
| Maine | 1,498,567 | 1,049,838 | 450,163 | 3,018,568 |
| Maryland | 1,554,030 | 1,052,979 | 1,365,176 | 3,982,185 |
| Massachusetts | 2,223,811 | 830,396 | 3,743,804 | 6,798,011 |
| Michigan | 5,500,792 | 3,330,906 | 4,610,147 | 13,441,845 |
| Minnesota | 4,661,082 | 3,282,557 | 1,716,544 | 9,660,183 |
| Mississippi | 3,158,557 | 2,638,697 | 596,601 | 6,383,855 |
| Missouri | 5,114,679 | 3,452,520 | 2,449,746 | 11,016,945 |
| Montana | 3,382,514 | 2,482,611 | 248,626 | 6,293,751 |
| Nebraska | 3,434,968 | 2,435,185 | 616,270 | 6,486,423 |
| Nevada | 2,290,666 | 1,528,458 | 88,485 | 3,907,609 |
| New Hampshire | 866,250 | 577,500 | 311,591 | 1,755,341 |
| New Jersey | 2,288,496 | 798,588 | 3,925,036 | 6,982,120 |
| New Mexico | 2,894,910 | 1,992,184 | 343,666 | 5,230,760 |
| New York | 8,330,683 | 3,328,599 | 13,481,757 | 25,141,039 |
| North Carolina | 4,345,090 | 3,798,107 | 1,347,512 | 9,490,709 |
| North Dakota | 2,580,306 | 1,809,724 | 190,567 | 4,640,597 |
| Ohio | 6,166,871 | 3,741,632 | 5,808,155 | 15,716,658 |
| Oklahoma | 3,800,555 | 2,736,615 | 1,144,395 | 7,661,565 |
| Oregon | 3,046,780 | 2,124,458 | 768,408 | 5,939,655 |
| Pennsylvania | 6,934,758 | 4,120,136 | 7,141,748 | 18,196,642 |
| Rhode Island | 866,250 | 577,500 | 652,029 | 2,095,779 |
| South Carolina | 2,393,911 | 1,977,140 | 651,251 | 5,022,302 |
| South Dakota | 2,737,783 | 1,934,194 | 203,457 | 4,895,434 |
| Tennessee | 3,782,775 | 2,949,921 | 1,408,270 | 8,140,966 |
| Texas | 11,425,744 | 7,638,141 | 4,269,828 | 23,333,713 |
| Utah | 2,038,560 | 1,346,199 | 426,384 | 3,811,143 |
| Vermont | 866,250 | 577,500 | 197,827 | 1,641,577 |
| Virginia | 3,357,702 | 2,644,389 | 1,269,583 | 7,271,674 |
| Washington | 2,938,454 | 1,990,987 | 1,415,700 | 6,345,141 |
| West Virginia | 1,924,872 | 1,672,009 | 657,542 | 4,254,423 |
| Wisconsin | 4,193,845 | 2,918,588 | 2,032,084 | 9,144,617 |
| Wyoming | 2,202,367 | 1,443,000 | 117,594 | 3,812,961 |
| Hawaii | 866,250 | 577,500 | 362,448 | 1,806,198 |
| District of Columbia | 866,250 | 577,500 | 933,968 | 2,377,718 |
| Puerto Rico | 909,163 | 948,896 | 932,206 | 2,790,265 |

[1] 20 percent of authorized appropriation withheld until such time as the preliminary figures now available from the Bureau of the Census shall be verified and finally determined, at which time revised apportionment figures will be issued.



## FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO STATES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN MAJOR DISASTERS

OUTLINE OF PROVISIONS OF PUBLIC LAW 875, EIGHTY-FIRST CONGRESS, APPROVED SEPTEMBER 30, 1950

Public Law 875 (81st Cong.) authorizes Federal assistance to States and local governments in major disasters, such as floods, droughts, fires, hurricanes, earthquakes, storms, or other catastrophes. Federal assistance is made available when the governor of any State certifies the need for such assistance, and gives assurance that the State or local government will supplement the Federal aid.

Federal agencies are authorized to provide assistance by utilizing, lending, or donating equipment, supplies, food, medicine, and personnel and such agencies may make emergency repairs and temporary replacements of public facilities of local governments damaged or destroyed by a major disaster.

### COOPERATION OF FEDERAL AGENCIES WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND RED CROSS

Federal agencies are required to cooperate with States and local governments, relief agencies, and the Red Cross in carrying out the purpose of the act. The President is authorized to coordinate the activities of Federal agencies in providing assistance and may direct any Federal agency to utilize its personnel, equipment, and facilities and other resources to accomplish the purposes of the act and may act directly or through such agency in accomplishing this purpose.

### FEDERAL PROPERTY

Federal agencies may use funds authorized by this act to restore, reconstruct, or repair facilities owned by the United States destroyed in any major disaster. If an agency does not have sufficient funds available, the President may transfer to such agency any funds available under this act, and if such funds are insufficient then authorization for appropriation is provided for.

### EXEMPTION FROM CIVIL-SERVICE LAWS

Provision is made for exemption from civil-service laws of personnel required to carry out the purposes of the act, and Federal agencies are permitted to make contracts with local interests for the use of equipment and services. Additional personnel temporarily employed are not subject to provisions of Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945, as amended.

### APPROPRIATION

An appropriation of $5,000,000 is authorized, and provision is made that the President shall report to Congress annually and in his discretion from time to time covering the expenditures of the amounts appropriated with the amounts and allocations to each State under the act.

OLD LAW REPEALED

The act of July 25, 1947, entitled "An act to make surplus property available for the alleviation of damage caused by flood or other catastrophe" is repealed.

## INVESTIGATIONS AND SURVEYS BY THE COMMITTEE

By authority of House Resolution 326 the committee was authorized and directed to conduct investigations and surveys during the present Congress of certain works of improvement under its jurisdiction located in the United States with a view to determining if legislation relating to such projects should be enacted.

Expenses of conducting these investigations and surveys were provided by the approval of House Resolution 339 in an amount not to exceed $15,000.

No investigations were undertaken due to business of a more pressing nature. The funds made available therefore revert to the Treasury with the close of the Congress.

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